

4-203. DEPUTY SECRETARY, CONSULTANTS, AND OTHER STAFF.

(A) DEPUTY SECRETARY.

(1) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT A DEPUTY SECRETARY.

(2) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY:

(I) SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY;

(II) IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET; AND

(III) HAS THE DUTIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR DELEGATED BY THE SECRETARY.

(B) GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF STAFF.

(1) THE SECRETARY MAY EMPLOY A STAFF ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OR THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) EACH STAFF ASSISTANT IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF A PARTICULAR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND EACH PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT, IS APPOINTED BY AND SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY.

(3) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL OTHER STAFF IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW.

(4) THE SECRETARY MAY REVIEW ANY PERSONNEL ACTION TAKEN BY ANY UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE SECRETARY MAY DELEGATE THE POWER TO APPROVE ANY APPOINTMENT OR REMOVAL TO THE HEAD OR GOVERNING BODY OF ANY UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a) and (b)(1), (2), and (3) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 231A(a) and (b).

Subsection (b)(4) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 231A(c).

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the word "staff" is substituted for the former, specific references to "assistants, professional consultants and employees", for brevity.

The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that, while appointment of the deputy secretary requires approval